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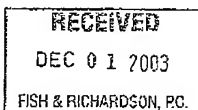
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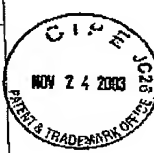
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Title of the Invention STEAM PRESSURE REDUCING AND CONDITIONING VALVE			
Applicant Hiroyuki Higuchi			
Client Reference No. MN-P121130N2			
Enclosures Request for Supplemental Notice of Allowance (2 pages) Attachments: Copy of Information Disclosure Statement filed 10/3/2003 (1 page); Form 1449 (1 page); references filed therewith (3 documents, 17 pages); and copy of Acknowledgement Postcard (1 page) Acknowledgment Postcard			

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Art Unit : 1724  
Examiner : Duane S. Smith

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REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

We have reviewed the Notice of Allowance dated October 16, 2003 for the above referenced case and note several small problems and hereby request a Supplemental Notice of Allowance.

Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement on October 2, 2003. Please find enclosed a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, the references cited therein and a copy of the Certificate of Mailing. The Examiner did not acknowledge receipt of the October 2, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial the October 2, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement and return same with a Supplemental Notice of Allowance to Applicant's attorney.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned to discuss the aforementioned items and a Supplemental Notice of Allowance.

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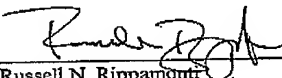
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No fees are believed to be required by this paper. If, however, Applicant is incorrect, Applicant respectfully requests that any charges or credits be applied to deposit account 06-1050, with reference to the instant case.

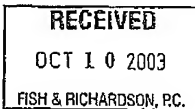
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Copies of the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are enclosed. A copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application is also enclosed.

This statement is being filed after a first Office action on the merits, but before receipt of a final Office action or a Notice of Allowance. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that each item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the communication being dated September 8, 2003, which is not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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## U.S. Patent Documents

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## Foreign Patent Documents or Published Foreign Patent Applications

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	AL	WO 97 03313	01/30/1997	WIPO				
	AM	GB 2019532	10/31/1979	Great Britain				
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## Other Documents (include Author, Title, Date, and Place of Publication)

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	AQ	European Patent Office Search Report signed by Girbes Fontana, completed September 8, 2003.
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EXAMINER: Initials citation considered. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	

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